

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure that is non-enabling. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner alleges that the presence of a liquid crystal is critical to the practice of the present invention and, therefore, should be recited in the claims. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner, claim 5 has been amended to recite a step of disposing a liquid crystal between the base plate and the display plate. By this amendment, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is moot.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner alleges that the terms "lyophilic material" and "lyophilic film" are too broad and encompass too many materials. Notwithstanding, claims 1 and 5 have been amended to recite that the functional films are formed of a liquid material including a resin, and that the lyophilic films planarize the functional films. By these amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1 and 5, and each corresponding dependent

claim, now comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. That is, Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims now sufficiently describe that the lyophilic films are lyophilic with respect to the liquid material including the resin of the functional films. Further, it is now clear that the lyophilic films assist in planarizing the functional films.

Claims 11 has been amended to recite, "The device of claim 1..." By this amendment, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 11 now conforms with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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